

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A hearing system comprising at least one ear-applicable hearing device with an input acoustical/electrical converter arrangement, said system being controllably operable in a first desired stable~~one~~ operating status and in at least one second desired stable operating status ~~comprising~~characterised by a sensing unit sensing operating stability and operating ~~instability~~behaviour of an acoustical feedback loop including said hearing device applied to an individual,~~impedance to an acoustical input of said input converter arrangement and an evaluation unit evaluating said sensed behaviour over at least one predetermined behaviour of said acoustical impedance, an output of said evaluation~~ said sensing unit controlling change over from said one desired to said at least one second desired operating status whenever instability of said feedback loop is sensed, said instability being willingly established by said individual at a desired moment and removed by said individual at a second desired moment so as to control said change over by the willingly applied

instability during the time span between said second and said first moment.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1, wherein said instability of said feedback loop is established by said individual~~predetermined behaviour~~
~~being caused by~~ manually applying a member~~hand~~ adjacent to and/or to said hearing device.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The system of claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein said member is a hand~~hearing device has an output electrical to acoustical converter arrangement,~~
~~characterised by said sensing unit sensing stability of an acoustical/electrical feedback loop including said hearing device at an individual.~~

Claims 4-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The system of claim 1, further comprising a second hearing device operationally connected to said at least one ear-applicable~~first~~ hearing device by a communication link, wherein said first and second desired operating status~~comprise~~
~~comprising~~ status of at least one of said hearing devices and said communication link.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one hearing device is an outside-the-ear hearing device or an in-the-ear hearing device or a completely-in-the-canal hearing device.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein said at least one hearing device is a hearing aid device.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (New): A method for manually controlling a hearing system with a hearing device, comprising the steps of:

providing the hearing device, wherein the hearing device is worn by an individual;

willingly establishing, by the individual, an instable operating mode of the hearing device; and

changing a desired operating mode of the hearing device upon sensing the instable operating mode.

Claim 13 (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the instable operating mode is established by manually applying a member adjacent to and/or to said hearing device.